(c) what are the functions and duties of the present Mechanical Equipment Supervisor and the Water Works Supervisor;

(d) what are the qualifications of the present incumbents?

(e) what are the literary and technical qualifications of the present Water Works Supervisor to make him eligible for the post,

(f) were there not suitable and qualified subordinates in the department for promotion as Water Works Supervisor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) With the expansion of the Water Works at Trichur, Nemmara, etc., it was found necessary to appoint a Water Works Supervisor for the Northern Division with Head-quarters at Trichur.

(b) No special qualification is prescribed.

(c) The Mechanical Equipment Supervisor is to be in charge of the floating equipments, water supplies to ships and harbour and the water works distribution systems of Mattancheri and the littoral areas of Chellanam. The Water Works Supervisor will be in charge of the Water Works Systems installed in Trichur, Ramavarmapuram, Thiruvilluamala, Nemmara and Ayilur.

(d) The present Mechanical Equipment Supervisor is the holder of the Mechanical Engineering diploma of the College of Engineering, Madras. The Water Works Supervisor has read up to VI Form and holds also a certificate from the B. O. C. He has 19 years' experience in Water Works machinery.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

(f) Yes; and the post was filled in by one such officer of the department.

Backward and Depressed Classes—test for judging.

297. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the criteria to judge the Depressed and Backward Classes;

(b) which are those communities that belong to the Depressed Class and the Backward Class?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) Test of literacy.

(b) A list is appended. *(Appendix V).*

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മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി.—Backward and Depressed Classes എന്ന പറയുന്നതു് ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസംകൊണ്ടാണോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.— ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസംകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണ് എന്നു പറയുവാൻ കുറച്ചു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. ആധുനികവിദ്യാഭ്യാസം അതായതു് നവീന വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം എന്നു പറയാം. അതിൽ ഇംഗ്ലീഷും അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Palappilly teak plantations—quantity of teak sold.

298. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total quantity of teak sold in the year 1110 from the Palappilly teak plantations and the total amount realised;

(b) when were these trees planted by Government and the total amount of expenditure incurred till the trees were felled from the date of planting?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) 1. Cds. 1,916-4-21-13¾

2. Rs. 24,8391—5—0.

(b) In 1051.

2. It is not possible to supply the information.

Timber sold from Government depots in the State.

299. Mr T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total quantity of each of the different varieties of timber sold in auction from each of the Government timber depots in the State in the year 1110 and the average amount per candy realised by the sale;

(b) the collection charge and the loading charge, if any, etc., per candy of each variety;

(c) what is the Government seigniorage rate of each variety?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). A statement is appended. *(Appendix VI).*

Revised Canal Rules—Examination by Boat-owners.

300. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

do the Government propose to call a representative gathering of the Boat-owners to examine the revised Canal Rules and subject them to comprehensive criticism and discussion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

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APPENDIX V.

(Question No. 297.)

A class or community shall be styled as backward or depressed only from the stand-point of literacy, and the term 'backward classes' shall include:

Paramban	Chaliyan or	Kudumi
Chakkilyan	Pattarya	Panan
Vathis	Kakkalan	Chedan
Devadasis	Kaikkolan	Karuvan
Tharakan	Kaniyan	Chakkan
Arayan or	Ottanaikan	Barber
Mukkuvan	Theendal Thattan	Vaniyars
Devangan	Velakkathalavan	Kusavan
Pandithattan	Asari	Pandaran
Velan	Kollan	Veluthedan
Muhammedan	Ezhuthachan	Moosari
Jew	Chovan	Kallan
Goudas	Kammalan	Koravar
Theendal Vannans	Vadukans	
Thottiar		
Vilkurup		
Tamil and Telugu Chetties		
Tamil Pillai		
Naidu, Raju		

The term 'depressed classes' shall include:

Kanakan	Vettuvan	Pulayan
Malayan	Nayadi	Ullatan
Parayan	Kadar	Pulluvan
		Kavara

and such other communities as may from time to time be declared by Government to be backward or depressed.

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